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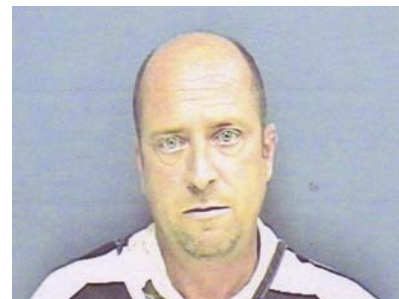
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TBI ARRESTS FORMER SEVIER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT FOR MISCONDUCT

Knoxville, Tenn. – The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation today arrested the former Sevier County Utility District Vice President after he was indicted Monday by the Sevier County Grand Jury for circumventing the competitive bid process and personally profiting from a deal involving the trade-in of with a utility district motor vehicle while he held his county position in December 2009.

Jeffrey McCarter, 49, of 1005 Top Side Drive, Sevierville, Tenn. is charged with one count of official misconduct. An audit conducted by the Municipal Audit, Comptroller's Office revealed that McCarter arranged a deal to trade-in a utility district Silverado truck to McNelly-Whaley Ford, for \$10,000 less than it was worth to the utility district. He then personally purchased the vehicle and traded the truck in at Volunteer Chevrolet for fair market price. The investigation originated from the audit which spanned from 2007-2009 and the 4th Judicial District Attorney General's office requested TBI open an investigation on March 23, 2011.



McCarter was booked into the Sevier County Jail this morning on \$10,000 bond.

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